

HOUSE BILL 1543

By Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15,
Chapter 2, relative to Star-Spangled Banner Day.

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1814, in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry while being held on a ship; and

WHEREAS, the following morning, upon seeing the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry, Mr. Key was inspired to write a poem that was titled, "Defense of Fort M'Henry." This poem was later set to music and renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner"; and

WHEREAS, by congressional resolution signed by President Herbert Hoover, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States of America on March 3, 1931; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the General Assembly specially commemorate that historic day which brought forth the song that proudly represents the home of the free and the brave; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

September 14 of each year is observed as "Star-Spangled Banner Day", to join with our fellow citizens in celebration of this patriotic occasion across this state.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.